Uplift at the Ballot Box.

proceed along with voting, and, incl-

disclosed to really competent district

there are districts where advance in-

fashionable to keep abreast the times

and has not overlooked that upward

speech of justification with which he

thus be supplied free with carpet lin-

ing, and many a dealer in rags, sacks

Demand for gold coin laid to German

They are expensive agents for Kultur

Competent army authority has made

t possible for men between the ages

the graduate of any college of good

repute is presumably able to pass, to

General HENRY P. McCain, Adjutant-

General, address Washington, D. C.,

will give particulars upon application.

It will be interesting to note to what

in the Reichstag similar to that occupied by Senator Stone in the United States Senate.—Despatch from Berlin.

Dr. HECKSCHER cannot be as badly off

A cat skilled in strategy would see

moon is gone. After that, captivity

No rice at London weddings, no

POWER SEEKING WOMEN.

A Voter Sees in Tielding to Them

Grave Danger.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir:

At a time like this, when the country

tion is neither Democratic nor Repub-

what kind of manifest possess?

any, do these legislators possess?

Warch 19. W. C. C.

The Very Stones Cry Out.

The Tombetone said, "I mark the bed Of those whose dust alone is dead.

The Milestone said, "I point the way

What luck I'm not a joelstone!"

The Stepping Stone, decisive, spoke,

"I always am a help to folk,
Thank heaven, I'm no josistone!"
MoLanpsunes Wilso

Whereby no man shall go astray, Praise be, I'm not a jociatone"

The Cornerstone rejoicing cried.

test is in order.

of government.

nmissions as Second Lieu-

fest in every relation of life.

and bottles made prosperous.

neglected.

detally, any deficiencies in the tally

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If our friends who favor us with manufield and illustrations for publication solah have rejected articles returned they must all cases send stamps for that purpose.

Bagdad, the Key to Empire.

Bagdad has fallen to General MAUDE's army. From Basra, at the need of the Persian Guif, famed for Sailor, the British have fought their way, for the second time, up the shallow and tortuous Tigris, through marshes that seemed interminable, until the deserts that succeeded them stretched out still more interminably. past Kut-el-Amara, where Towns-HEND and his 10,000 men were starved into subjection; past Ctesiphon, with its Chosroe arch still standing, dating back to before the time of CHRIST, to i a period when Britain was not and the Germans were in their state of original barbarism, to which their Government has lately reverted; and so on to Bagdad of HAROUN-AL-RASHID the miraculous Carpet and the One Thousand and One Nights. Legend and romance in plenty en-

velop the route by which General MAUDE's column has advanced and from Paris and the moment when attain the end. there was forced upon the Kaiser the

war. To be balked of entrance to loss to the render. Paris was bitter, but it was only the might be menaced for decades yet sdepts in the art of espionage. rich trade of the Orient.

tria-Hungary reduced to suzerainty one with authority? nated by German officers; the Sub- to complain of in the press. lime Porte reduced to virtual vasnative mind of WILHELM II. when, the match into the European powder salaried health officers for small com- directed, meant inexhaustible tune- their periscopes! save at German behest.

Still further southward the star of cers, without pursuing general prac-Germany was to have taken its way. tice, which places them in the ranks The Bagdad railway, planned to con- of specialists. nect Constantinople with Basra, was The remarkable results obtained in to the Holy Land had established partments have aroused the attention Germany in high favor in Palestine of State health officers to the neces-

year at this time they were at Hama- for a competent health department. sing as the result of invisible contact that a handful of power mad women dan, 240 miles from the camp of Genjuncture with the British.

upon Constantinople. It can be read- cooperative health department, the in allusion to a nickname of natives lly reenforced by water at either end total expense of which was \$16,350 of Victoria, Australia. There is, as of the line. Its victories already have a year. been so significant that the Syrians,

selves echo the complaint, for in the

and failure terminates loyalty. more strenuous efforts in the southeast Germany faces there the complete collapse of her plans, the frus- ered in steam sterilized bottles and merry-go-round. tration of her hopes, the loss of the half of it is pasteurized. There is a Some of us may marvel at all these greatest stake for which she played systematic inspection of all stores frollesome manifestations in the field latter country by the cession to the me die a natural death." when by her intrigue the war was forced upon the world.

Bagdad has tenfold the importance Germany has lost both.

Where the Blame Lies.

The Berlin press, with every appear-United States that:

war, regardless of whether the casus belli tuberculosis. arises in the course of a few days or a "We desire to establish with all due

in every respect becomes the attacking they represent by establishing coparty the moment she sends her guns to operative health departments.

Of the bosses, as everyond the communities of the communiti

That is, the murder by German submarines of unarmed American citizens pursuing their lawful business on the high seas is an incident of no consequence, a matter in which our Government has no legitimate interest. and to prevent which we should not take any action. Such murder, it aphaving been the home of SINDBAD the pears, is the unquestionable right and privilege of the Teutonic Government. It ranks, we take it, as an indispensable ceremony in the spread of Kultur over a globe hopelessly benighted except where the rule of the Kniser and the authority of the Grand Turk are enforced.

Yet it will be difficult for Germany, with the record of the last thirty-one and a half months open to the world. to prove that in defending its citizens the United States is the aggressor in the quarrel Berlin has provoked.

Loyalty in Press and Senate.

boday. The day that saw the tri- action in this, but the substitution Committee of Stone? emphant entry of the British troops in each office of zeal for eminence into the Mesopotamian capital will be in patriotic service rather than for legislative department. The executive written down in history with the enterprise in the publication of news is to-day solidly partisan; its sentidate on which Von Kluck receded hurtful to our national defence will ments are expressed in Daniels, in

dousness that the fight for Calais concerned the Secretary of the Navy Inception is put forward it will include fit, who can pass a mental examination is explicit in his request. There are other bodies besides the House of Rep-For the capture of Bagdad seals but three topics he wants eliminated resentatives, and it will call for the the doom of the third great ambition from the day's news. His wishes can relinquishment of honors and power by tenants in the regular army. Brigadierwhich Germany entered this be literally observed without serious other partisans besides Republicans.

We are not sanguine that the loss of a temporary gratification of secrecy the Secretary of the Navy national pride, for Paris could not desires can be attained even should have been made permanently Ger. the papers of the nation make no Failure at Calais meant the mention whatsoever of ships or guns. with the public. The time has apparfinal abandonment of a foothold on There are other ways of finding out

But the loss of Bagdad Besides, if Mr. DANIELS succeeds means the death stroke to the Kai- in getting the loyal cooperation of the melodist of "The Merry Widow" and ser's ambitions for a place in the press, what is he going to do with "The Count of Luxembourg," must as that sun, for a port on the Persian Gulf the United States Senate? When the be reenforced by JEROME KERN. EMand a short and speedy route thereto. chairman of the Committee on For- MERICH KALMAN, whose "Sarl" and and a short and speedy route thereto.

It blocks the well wrought plan for eign Relations feels himself justified "Miss Springtime" charmed many in campaigns begun here and in Arbanyan encircling movement, or pera German empire in the southeast in proclaiming to all the world the de- thousands, is admixed with Invince haps an application of the German lighten me as to the cause or causes lack of which causes "weak lungs." and competition with England for the tails of a new device of war secretly BERLIN. RUDOLY FRIME does not pincers. At the State capital there is considered by the United States mayy, frimi unscathed. And Ivan Caryll, the bill to license and tag cats, while or nothing about the finger print system, especially in cold weather, instead What a conception it was! Napo- what good is there in muzzling the occupies a line on the programme in New York is heard a demand for tem of identification are so prejudiced of swinging the arms vigorously to LEON never conceived a greater. Aus- press, which after all speaks not as

their status is little higher than Secretary's appeal to its colleagues "Chin Chin."

Nevertheless The Sun seconds the for the syncopated tunelessness of t that to-day. Serbia as an indepen- Secretary's appeal to its colleagues dent nation biotted out and made in journalism. If he can repress una Teutonic highway to the borders patriotic sensationalism in the Senof Turkey. The Turkish army domi- ate we doubt that he will find much

salage. All that was in the imagi- Cooperative Health Administration. by urging Austria to reject Serbia's health administration is the moveconcessions in July, 1914, he threw ment in favor of whole time, well magazine. And all has been accommunities. This movement has led to fulness, a continual outpouring of plished. To-day from the Bultic to more thorough instruction in sanita- song. Youth was a lark. Nowadays the Dardanelles not an army moves, tion in the medical colleges and has not a gun is fired against the Allies largely increased the number of physicians who desire to be health offi-

opened when at German incentive the smaller cities and rural communi- plays, when Guiomas Novaks plays, of a feminized Legislature. Their ac-Turkish armies struck out across the ties. The State of New York, under Syrian desert with the purpose of the administration of Commissioner wrecking the Suez Canal and pos- Biggs, has been especially progress of them, but to sing with a spontanesibly raising the standard of revolt sive in this direction. It appears, ous and inspired motion self-initiate our elected representatives yield weakly print work is only another instance of in Egypt. That failed. Egypt was however, that despite the best inten- and self-complete. They are the voice to the whims of a band of women ob- the "powers that be" economizing on loyal to her redeemers. The British tions of the citizens of small towns of Poland, mute and pitiful; they are sessed by political ambitions in turn became the invaders, entered financial difficulties have arisen which the bells of Malines, intoning from Palestine, and to-day are believed to have until recently precluded the a lofty tower; they are the troubled of government, no time to arouse a bit-From the rugged Caucasus in the These difficulties are now being renorthwest the forces of the Grand moved by the cooperation of some Duke Nicholas are making their way small towns, each of which contrib- God. They do not shrick with blows weakened and undermined the strength

A concrete example of this advan- with a creative mind. eral Townshend. But his surrender tageous arrangement is offered by the freed an army of Turks to operate towns of La Salle, Peru and Oglesby. Mr. Granges plays pranks with the deliberately aid their efforts to nullify against the Russians, who were lil., which have recently published plane and introduces into the orchesforced back into Armenia. For six the second annual report of their tra certain percussive and discussive months the Grand Duke disappeared Department of Health. Each of these and generally highly debatable mechaltogether from the daily war news, towns was formerly cared for by a anisms called the Swiss hand bells, Now he is back with increased forces health officer who devoted only part the nabimba, the steel marimba and at a point which promises an early of his time to the municipal service, the wooden marimbaphone. These two of them receiving salaries of \$25 uncouth names will probably have to When that is done a Russo-British a month and one \$35. Naturally the do. They sound Hottentotish but digline extending from the Black Sea activities of these gentlemen were nified, more dignified than the title of to the Mediterranean will take up perfunctory. All this has been the fourth movement of the suite, the task of driving the Turks north changed by the establishment of a christened the "Gumsuckers' March"

Arabs and Persians left in the rear like smallpox, diphtheria and scarlet antics, including the "whack of a claw are renouncing their former alle- fever are traced frequently from the hammer on a bass string" of the

glance to Turkey, declaring they have schools in which inspection of the plane, of the severe attitudes assumed THE UNITED STATES AND been betrayed. The Turks them children has been established. These by the characters of Mr. Goldberg cases are quarantined until all dan- the cartoonist. Would it not be as-Orient nothing succeeds like success, ger from infection disappears, usu- tonishing and effective if Mr. Grainally a minimum of five weeks. The oza had the pianist play one passage At a time when she can ill afford dairies and milk supply are methodi- while dangling by his feet from an cally inspected and scored. Almost overhead chandeller? We urge him the entire milk supply is now deliv- to consider it for his next orchestral

furnishing food, and of restaurants, of sound, but they are easily ac-A medical inspector and two nurses counted for. They are like some of watch the school children and make the plays of Sir James Bizarrie. to the world to-day that has Verdun, a physical examination of each child They may or may not be what the every two years. A record of the republic wants; all that the producers sults is given to the parents with ad- need to know is that they are cervice to consult the family physician tainly what the public haunts. or dentist. Free treatment has been unce of solemnity, now assures the given when necessary. One nurse looks after all infants, mothers and prospective mothers, and the other "The arming of merchant ships means helps in the care of sufferers from and other civilizing instrumentalities. Napoleon III. during our civil war had gate receipts."

Here is a wide field for the Legis- ballot in 1901 to \$2.20 a ballot in 1916.

Real "Coalition."

World, "is the solution of the problem." What Democrat at Washington or elsewhere has seriously suggested a "coalition Congress"? Congress confore the country is that the Republicans in the House shall surrender the fruits of their November victory, and now urged to double the number of in the name of patriotism refrain from election officers, so that counting may any effort to enforce their political rights

fice by the Republicans, does it impose workers may be made good before the no obligation on the Democrats? In closing of the polls. Unquestionably the Senate, STONE of Missouri retains the chairmanship of the Committee on Foreign Relations. In that office, peculiarly important at this time, he embarrasses every American, regardless of party; should not "coalition" attend to his case, relieve the Admin-The appeal of Secretary Daniels istration of his presence, and substito the press to maintain a reasonable tute for him a Senator not given to degree of reticence relative to the the disclosure of naval secrets, not methods of arming ships, the sup-endeavoring to reveal to Germany the ply of gun crews and the dates of strength and methods of our police threatens to "cover" Missouri would sailings is thoroughly justified. The system? "Coalition" is urged in the fill about twenty-five newspaper pages the ancient and picturesque city it newspapers of the nation should ac- House to block the path of Misrepquiesce cheerfully in the request of resentative Mann to the Speaker's mance are not engaging the minds the Secretary of the Navy. It is per- chair; why not "conlition" in the in conference in the Wilhelmstrasse haps impossible to secure concert of Senate to rid the Foreign Relations

> Nor would real coalition stop in the BAKER, in REDFIELD. When a plan for So far as the immediate issue is non-partisan government sincere in its of 21 and 27, physically and morally

What the Public Haunts.

There seems to be about as much extent advantage will be taken of this uncertainty as ever among the pro- opportunity. ducers of plays as to what will take with the public. The time has apparently gone by when any manager will due to be was an active director of the Hamburg-American Line, is prominent in parliathe Channel whence hated Britain what is doing, and the Germans are dure to stage a Viennese operation mentary circles and occupies a position without interpolations by American composers. LEHAS, the delightful nlone only because he has deserted wire mesh or fron pickets to supplant against a more extensive use of it?

The three seems to be a feeling am the tunefulness of "The Pink Lady" wooden fence. If these terrains of the general public that to have one's hind least instead of on all fours as

Mere melodiousness was never at so large a discount as to-day, which and a numbered yoke. A howl of probrings us to a consideration of the intest musical extravaganza, a suite by the Australian Peacy Graingen, flowers at New York funerals; such a crime it should be held against him. Mr. Grainger is not tuneless. Far are reforms recommended in the name One of the beneficent advances in from it. But he is young and expended the still plenty death administration is the move-uporant. Now in the days of Scure, of water for christenings. uberent. Now in the days of Schu-BERT youth and exuberance, musically youth is a woodpecker.

In tempo all is syncopation; in tone ill is percussion. Mr. GRAINGER views the plano as an instrument of braids practising scales. The piano against the action of the Assembly of personation, &c. All these and many a little more progress on some of the s percussive without doubt; you do New York in voting to resubmit the building fast with German capital. cities like New York, Boston and Chinot play it by breathing upon the issue of woman suffrage to the people of criminals.

The Kaiser's spectacular pilgrimage cago from well ordered health destrings and exciting them to the deliat a time like this when the country extensive qua cate vibrations of the Eolian harp, needs every available ounce of manalthough when Padenewski plays, hood, it is a distinctly saddening sight and Syria. The war had hardly sity of organizing similar activities in when Hofmann plays, when Baues to see the Empire State in the hands course the salary of a man to do the the stricken strings of the plane seem often not to have music beaten out lican, and it is an unfortunate day for organisation of health departments, soul of Beethoven, filled with anger to consider a fundamental change to a at the presumptuous Naroleon or no- system that both Colorado and Calibillity at the thought of a merciful fornia make evident has corrupted, toward a point of rendezvous. Last utes its share to the amount required inflicted by powerful fingers; they

In his suite called "In a Nutshell" might be expected, ragtime here. We Under this administration diseases are irresistibly reminded by all these

A Distinction Between the French and France's Government.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: J. W. Hinchon of Algona, Ia., in a letter to THE Sun asks why the United States made no protest in 1870 when Germany and resulted in the dismemberment of the

Had he been old enough in that day to comprehend the situation he would otherwise we wouldn't be doing ou remember that the sympathy of the duty." people of the United States with the people of France was as strong then I been the goat ever since the Raines as it is now, but not with the Imperial law was enacted; and haven't you built Government of France. And the same up your reputations at my expense?" is true to-day with respect to the attitude of the people of the United States now come along and be executed in Through the uplifting influence of toward the people of the Germany as front of the grand stand, like a good direct primaries, complicated ballots against their Imperial Government, king, so we can get our share of the erected an imperial government in Mexthe cost of voting rose from \$1.17 a ico, and while his designs were frustrated and his tool, Maximilian of Aus- tering "Sic transit gloria mundi," he latures of the United States, the These figures mark the advance of tela, had been shot, the people of the quietly breathed his last. Publican. members of which would confer per- pure democracy and the destruction United States both north and south were emphasis the fact that the United States manent benefit on the communities of the bosses, as everybody with an in no mood to sympathize with him and

MURPHY and the Hon, HERBERT PAR- public. When this was assailed by the His downfall gave birth to the resons keeps them from recognizing the imperial strength of Germany the heart "A condition Congress," says the fact that they have been abolished. Our ballot reforming friends must found to be in the right place, just as be encouraged by the advance that it would be if termany were a republic has been made, though they will not power, even Grout Britain herself. It be satisfied and rest on their accomis unlikely that our trials with Meyles, sists of two chambers, the House and plishments. There is, of course, no would have reached their present acute the Senate; the only proposal now be reason why every ballot put in the stage had she been an imperial governbox should not cost the taxpayers ment instead of a republic, for there is a twice what it does. Indeed, we are mystical bond between republics which always will command sympathy as well as forbearance

NASHUA, N. H., March 10.

INFLECTION. PLEASE! Let the Voice Be Dressed as Carefully as Madame's Hair.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT formation would be useful and not offer the pictorial conceit; Dress the voice as Madame dresses her huir. In the meantime, it is gratifying to Curl speech. Bestow care on the falling tendril of cadence. Marcelle inflecobserve that politics is sufficiently tions into wave lengths and arpeggio comb of a dead levelling monotone; tendency of prices which is now manilavish the brush of leaping octave intervals. Crisp the coiffure with heat from the register of a three register Herr Stone's Congressional Record gamut. And pin up the whole with tuning fork.

varied voices! The trresilient, uninflected speech of folks! Cats inflect more revealingly than humans. puppy cries up to high E, the content of expression in his floriture greater by whole concerto than the average man's third. But no : people will not inflect Of course, one reason is that they dare not. Might sound affected. Might be interpreted as a hint to be asked to sing. Might look like posturing Englishly. But when hasn't an elaborate

frowsy? in to that rat's neet. Wave those straight colorless periods. Don't be afraid of vital economy," and for want of full the coquettish or the flippant streamer, and free outpour of carbonic acid. Try building up a flexile chignon on the curve of a chromatic giggle. show you how easy it is. Use if neces- half naked women are comparatively sary false locks of slurred values to immune. We know that there are many lift your indigenous material to the more male victims than female; the kink pitch. And you shall reap earthly reason is found in the great difference immunity from the hipless hairpin and can hardly get less than a box seat in inner suit of even the lightest weight the swell section out of St. Peter.

STANLEY K. WILSON SWARTHMORE, Pa., March 10.

FINGER PRINTS FOR ALL A Plea for Universal Adoption of the Identification System.

lutely a wrong view to take, because persons, always aiming to keep warm along with a man's impressions the rea- instead of cool, leaves no call for hunt-There is no good reason why every to keep out of the do-tors' hands man, woman and child should not have his or her finger impressions on file, while on the other hand the advantages Fire when you can see the whites of arc many: It would help identify un- THE FARMERS' HANDICAP. fication in case of lost memory; it would prevent abandonment of children is

would prevent illegal voting. It could be used to keep out undestrable allers investigations of the food situation may with had records. It can be used by banks, insurance companies and busimore, in addition to the apprehension

There are no costly instruments or filing cabinet and a table is all the expense a firm would be put to, except of privilege of bringing his wagon or truck nourse the salary of a man to do the

The infallibility of the system has been proved time and again, and the us all when against the wishes of a recent action of the Board of Estimate necessaries in order to create fat, useless This is no time to impair the powers jobs in other directions.

HARRY PERBER LONG ISLAND CITY, March 10.

One Month Before Baseball.

nonth from to-day, or on April 11, the barred out by lack of facilities at the nortality list will be augmented by a New York city end. widespread demise of grandmothers and the troubles of the nation will be rele- should north Jersey farmers spend their can so dominate the people's represengated to second place. "What's the nights driving to the city when a theotatives that to please these women they core" will be appermost in the minds retically cheaper method of transportaof many. The resounding crack of the tion runs within a mile or two of the the ballots of the men of the State.

What kind of manhood and conscience, bat against the ball will be heard on the farms but with no one to accept freight Polo Grounds and in the grounds of at the station? seven other important cities of the The labor situation is admittedly bad country. The peanut vender and the and must be borne with, but I have some eller of pop will again rise to important few acres and my neighbors many more heights and the newsboys will be that will not and cannot be cultivated peddling their "sporting finals" on every until some competent, fair acting agency corner. The free pass brigade will be takes over the part of the work the n its element and many a man will average farmer has neither time nor have to frame a good excuse for com- training to do. ing home late for supper. Those famous words "Play ball" will be welcomed by while barring the door against, and overthe multitude,

NEW YORK, March 11. The Home Port.

Knicker-Outlate is three sheets in the Bocker-And doesn't want notice of sail- Senators want?

END OF RUM, REX. He Disappointingly Expires on the

Way to the Scaffold. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: King Alcohol was suddenly missing. The March of Reform halted and two of the

faithful hurried back to apprehend him They found him fallen by the roadside apparently dying from his many wounds "Nay." cried former of the provinces of Alsace and the two lusty reformers as they dragged him to his feet, "You are the sacrific and have got to be publicly put to death

> "Sure thing," admitted the two, "and But the poor old monarch was too far created by statute and may be limited or destroyed in the same man-

gone to accommodate them, and mut-BELLPORY, March 10.

And Why Not Suppress the Weed empted and privileged has increased Along With King Alcohol?

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SO: The events of the past year are most encour- of the taxable real estate of the State. aging to those who are laboring for the uplift of humanity. The forward strides to what we expect to accomplish, are really amazing when we consider that a large portion of our people use liquor to a greater or less extent. The prohibition movement has now reached such proportions that we can extend our Our next aim is the suppression of the

literary and charitable corporations use of tobacco. While we are pleased to was included. The law was further note that the disgusting habit of chew extended in 1859. In 1875 lands of ing is falling into disrepute, there is an the cemetery corporations, toll comenormous increase in smoking, especially panies and of the New York Hospital of the drug laden cigarettes, and we were included. Land of fire comshould no longer delay our warfare panies was added in 1879, and in 1896 against this evil that is sanning our young manhood and adding its awful toll as to include the very numerous presto the millions of enervated, drug en ent exempt classes as follows: the slaved victims real property of a corporation or as-

Why walt until we have wiped ou alcohol before commencing our warfare on bleetine? In house cleaning one does not leave a portion of the uncleanliness necessitating going through the same operation again, but makes one clean job

of it, so why delay? We cannot agitate this question and too soon. By the time it is fully under way we will have national female suffrage and with that we can carry through all our cherished projects. The clergy are with us and through them can win the female votes for our JAMES A. SMITH. reformation. SPRINGFIELD, Mass., March 10.

THE PERIL OF CLOTHES. Inderdressed Women, Says a Doctor, Are Immune From Pneumonia.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The principal cause of pneumonia is cloth- mental burden, was being invaded by ing. Man is by nature a naked animal. The millions of capillary blood vessels colffure stirred the derision of the are gasping for air every instant when states; "Hereafter no exemptions from smothered by even very thin drapery. Get out your curling iron, then. Slog and the system suffers from lack of oxygen, "the mighty scavenger of the The naked races know nothing of the That will disease under consideration, and our in dress. Flannel underwear or an with the usual thick regulation outer clothing, and a top coat over all, the latter probably worn during rides in railrono carriages where one would be comfortable naked, all this smothering of the skin, which is a true breathing organ, naturally puts a big tax on the "inner lungs." Then, again few individuals have anything like the To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Will exercise of the forequarters so essential some reader of your columns please en- for the development of the chest, the why most people who understand little Most persons walk with hands in pockatone to some measure for the abnormal There seems to be a feeling among upright position and walking on our son for taking them is filed. If he has ing "germs" in cough or sneeze as the committed no crime nothing can be cause of pneumonia or tuberculosis. held against him. If he has committed Hence my mottoes: "What you don't went won't hurt you," and "Keep cool

of murderers, &c. : it would belo identi- Do Fees and Luck of Markets Bar the

Door to the Producer?

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUS-Sir; The

Boston, March 10.

CHARLES E. PAGE, M. D.

serve a useful purpose, though many of us think they are unduly expensive, Is it not a fact that Greater New York has only two free markets? extensive quarters necessary; just a monthly charge to the farmer for the

range from \$12 to \$24? Are there not ferry charges, handlers' watchmen's and extra fees amounting to about \$5 a load?

May or may not either a New York

or New Jersey farmer sell from house a house without a license or other tax? There probably are, and certainly would be, enough foodstuffs raised within a radius of thirty miles of New York to make a very respectable total if local farmers could, and knew they could, sell freely. At present only the regulars can undertake the expense and the irregular or small lot producers are

Why, in the sacred name of efficiency

Why so much talk about lack of foor

FAN, taxing, the man whose business is to R. D. COOMES. NEW YORK, March 10. The Blessing of Blindness

Knicker-What do the filibustering

SHOULD THE TAX EXEMPTION LAWS OF NEW YORK BE REVISED?

An Argument in Favor of the Removal of Certain Benefits Now Enjoyed by Charitable Institutions.

dens of taxation. This right was

isters of the gospel were added.

or women or for religious, Bible, tract,

hospital, infirmary, educational, sci-

children or animals, so that the prop-

erty of all such shall be exempt from

1867 proposed a section requiring uni-

formity of taxation. In 1901, under

tution, further exemptions to any per-

on or corporation were prohibited

Convention of 1915, fully realizing that

the foundation principle of organized

society, the right to compel each citi-

zen to contribute equally to the govern-

excess of land tax exemptions, placed

in that Constitution the clause which

taxation shall be granted except by

general laws and upon affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members

much as could be obtained by those

tions in the face of the determined

of all the real estate assessed.

privileged classes.

In my county.

The members of the late Constitutional

The Constitutional Convention of

18, Article III. of the Consti-

entific, literary, library, patriotic, his-

missionary.

charitable.

taxation.

section

From an audiese by Renator George A. Blater before the foint legislative committee on tag

Beginning with our State Govern- | committee reported and recommended to the Legislature: ment, the policy of sharing the care First. That a law be passed authorizing of the dependent wards of the State different political divisions of with private corporations was estab-State to enter into an agreement with lished. Likewise the State recognized the charitable institutions proposing to in cate in such political division whereby the value of the churches and the exemption from taxation is granted upon payment to the proper authorities of a charitable, benevolent, educational and payment to the proper auth other eleemosynary corporations to society by permitting them to enestate owned by such institution shall pay joy real estate exempt from the bur- taxes in the same manner as real estat That a law be passed proviing that all property of charitable tions located in counties or subdivision other than that in which the main that tution is located shall be taxed in the ner. The business of this form of partnership has continued and grown same manner as property belonging to other property holders.

and the growth of the classes so ex-This finding was the result of the labors of the joint legislative comin excess and in larger proportion in mittee and is the real basis for these the tax districts than has the amount proposed laws now under considera

The first exemption was created soon after the formation of the State two bills were introduced in the Senate den of the Insidious exemption evil in 1916 to effect a change in the policy of places of public worship, colleges, of the State. One bill required all of library, State and Federal property the exempt classes to pay a tax of was exempted. In 1801 lands of min-25 per cent, upon their real estate toward the support of governmen 1823 houses of industry, later held by and for the protective arm of the the courts to include orphan asylums, State cast about the exempt classe, were likewise added. In 1827 land of while the other bill affected my county Westchester, and authorized the Board of Supervisors of my county to give of withhold its assent for any exemp tions. The first was objected to b the exempt classes as revolutionar and hostile to their long continued en joyment of a special privilege, while the law was generously amended so the latter was claimed to be local an not of general application. Long enjoyment of the special privi lege has dulled the minds and sens sociation organized exclusively for the

of right to the general public of those moral or mental improvement of men in control of these corporations as they now believe that they should con tinue to have an easement of privilege and right because of its long con tinued enjoyment. Consequently torical or cemetery purposes, or for the enforcement of laws relating to 1916 they appeared in large number to protest against these propo-

The conditions that permitted the beginning of the policy of tax exemptions do not longer exist corporations beginning insignificantly with the country's birth have expande with the country and are now full grown, strong, alert and peculiarly aggressive. These are the days of stupendous affairs that start large The Andrew Freedman, the Isaac F Rice, the Rockefeller and the Sagfoundations and other similar charife started with millions of assets and still they exist and enjoy exemptions under tions wanted to pay taxes they con! not do so by reason of the barri created by our laws. They are exemp The community has been prob by the State from being permitted

elected to each house." This was as desiring relief from land tax exemp- in any place and purchase and acquire classes have the privilege to locate lands to an unlimited amount. and open opposition of the exempt and stitution under Article VIII., sec The total assessed value of the real 9 and 14, withholds State state in New York in 1915 was \$11.- and commits the care of the State de 328,994,973, total exemptions \$2,521,- pendents through the Legislature to 705,003, including exemptions of land any county, town or village.

"privately owned" \$660,668,720. The total of exempt real estate in 1915 subsidies to private charities." Prior to 1874 the State had granted amounted to about 20 per cent, of the Constitutional Convention of total real estate assessed. Of all ex-emptions, 25 per cent, is real estate counties and towns had arown to "privately owned," being 54 per cent. enormous proportions and appeared In my county, Westchester, in 1914 in excess of the increase the total real estate assessed was lation of the State. \$377,979,288. Of this the aggregate of 1894 placed the institutions as amount of exempt property was \$60.- ing public aid under the c \$92,378, and of this amount what is State Board of Charitles known as "privately owned" exempt lature has authorized the was \$32,286,533. Of all exemptions make payments for the care about 50 per cent, is property "pri- dependents or wards of the vately owned, and the "privately particular county is negatived to lead owned" exempt class is over \$1's per after the dependents of that cent, of all the real estate assessed New York, Albany, Eric and all In the last decade the exemption care of their own dependents of real estate from taxation in New what happens? other counties are charged we

York has increased nearly twice as The corporations participating in the fast as the assessment for taxation. xemptions located in New York over 1 Between 1905 and 1915 the increase of go into my county, Westelle-ter, a real estate exemptions was \$1 per the other nearby countles and peate cent, while for the same period the branch or summer homes, as we assessment of real estate increased 48 at times remove the entire is striffer per cent. In 1914 the Board of Super- to such other count).

visors of my county. Westchester. The people of this State county the complained to the Legislature of the mit to this palpable briestles. A pubexcessive exemptions and a joint legis- lie wrong exists. Calcile contact loss lative committee was appointed to in- not support a law which vestigate into the affairs of the So- wrongful placing of a banddety of the New York Hospital and present law permits the purpose Bloomingdale Hospital, a branch. A crty in one county to be report was made to the Legislature help maintain charitable. A crty in one county to be count

January 29, 1915. That legislative used for the people of another county THE SPECIAL SESSION. Another Citizen Rejoices in the Pres- A Serious Question for Certain Uni-

ence of Congress at the Capital. To THE HOITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I fully agree with "Willing to Be Shown" listened with interest and name amust in thinking that Congress should be in ment to the patriotic speeches and reco session and that the famous twelve jutions at the Yale and Harvard that

man rule in the last four years. Can you satisfy my curiosity as to how the present Senate can make rules Platisburg—in fact they have of 14 for the incoming Senate? I thought worn khaki. the Senate was non-existent after March 4 MINORITY. BROOKLYN, March 10.

The Senate now in session is the Among the Forgotten

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: In gone to waste.

President Wilson's list of things that How long will the flower of nor yeath were not passed by the Sixty-fourth be "heavers of the word and ref Congress he failed to mention his legis- "doers"? lation to forestall strikes, as a sequel to the Adamson wage increase hill for two great universities, of both a railroad men. Since the President ad- I am an alumnus: "You will dressed Congress on this subject, it is better in khaki," you would surprising he should have overlooked it. you walked the streets of London There is just as little reason for passing not in New York? over this matter as there was for passing the Adamson bill under duress

ATLANTA, Ga., March 8.

The Diameter of a Nickel. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir! "E.

H.," in his article on the metric system, says that every nickel five cent sunkist mountains and profit plece weighs five grams and is one centimeter in diameter. The first statement, as to the weight of the nickel, is correct, but the second, as to the diameter. is wrong. The actual diameter is 2.3 centimeters. NEW YORK, March 10.

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versity Men to Consider. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SEC.

were dead right if that was their rea-and noted among the most entrapeasure son for what they did. "cheer leaders" many young fellow We have had far too much of one whom I did not meet either i ranks of the National Guard of Camp Whitman or among the received

I was strongly tempted to have and the crucial test "Would you we say morrow?" but hesitated to mine such cold, practical draught bit Senate of the Sixty-fifth Congress and ment. To me who have never recornized patriotism under any of or form than service, civil or milliam

rather pathetic to see so such

Away with his service.

NEW YORK, March 10.

Contentment in the Georgia Monotains From the Dation Come The plain mountain pe my heart. They are good and too much sense to two in toon the worries of high costs. A

Same Complaint Everywhere

From the Stone City Tri It is a great deal harder commission than it is to e D. D. B. The commissioners are siways there to defend their Jobs.